

# *Beginning March 1, 2010*

## *New* Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area & Nature Center Hours of Operation

*Hello everyone!*

*Please allow me to introduce myself. Actually, many of you already know me. I have been around for a while, as the Assistant Nature Center Manager. In November, I was offered the exciting challenge and opportunity to become the Nature Center Manager. Working at Burr Oak Woods has always been a dream job for me in that I am allowed the chance to share my love of nature and passion for the environment with others. It has been a wonderful experience working with an incredibly talented and hardworking staff and group of volunteers. I am anxious to get started on this new segment of my career.*

*As you are aware, your Missouri Department of Conservation is also funded by a 1/8 of 1% sales tax. The Missouri Department of Conservation has taken a close look at how we should respond to the decrease in funding during these tough economic times, and how we can spend your tax dollars most wisely. We are in for some challenges in the months ahead.*

*It has been determined that there will be a reduction in staff and hours of operation at all MDC Nature Centers. Please make note of the proposed changes at Burr Oak Woods, as they may affect your visits to the area. The final plan will be implemented on March 1st. See upcoming Nutshell Newsletters for further updates.*

### *Conservation Area hours:*

*Central Standard Time 7:00a – 6:00p*

*Daylight Savings Time 7:00a – 8:00p*

*The front gate will be reprogrammed to these hours. Bathrooms will be closed when the building is closed. Outdoor privies will remain open.*

### *Nature Center hours:*

*Open to the public Tuesday through Friday*

*7:00a – 6:00p*

*Open to the public Saturday*

*8:00a – 5:00p*

*The Nature Center will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.*

*We are absolutely committed to continue to provide you with quality programs and services, despite the reduction of staff. I hope that you will find our new extended hours convenient for your visit to Burr Oak Woods!*



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*See you on the trails!*  
*Lisa LaCombe*  
*Nature Center Manager*